

# Help Shed Some Light on History



In May of 1846, 8,000 soldiers from the United States and Mexico took up arms on battlefields near the Rio Grande. More than 160 years later, their sacrifices and the battles they fought have largely been forgotten.

Help Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park as we remember this service. On November 14, we will light 8,000 candles to honor the soldiers of two nations who answered the call of duty and participated in a defining moment of local, national, and international history.

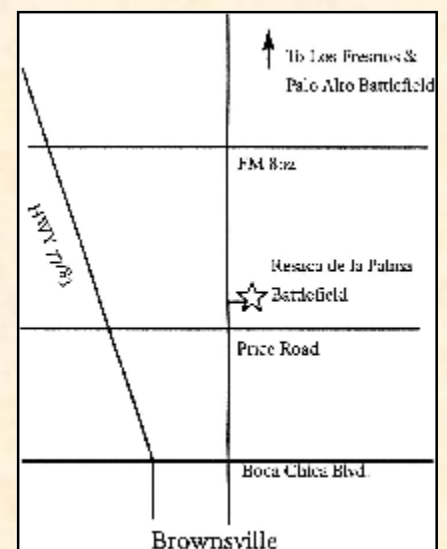
**Saturday, November 14, 2009**

**Resaca de la Palma Battlefield in Brownsville**  
(1024 Paredes Line Rd. just north of Price Rd.)

**3:00 p.m. Living History Demonstrations**  
**5:30 p.m. Honoring of Soldiers & Lighting of Candles**

(Visitors are invited to bring a grill lighter and participate in the event)

**Luminarias will remain lit until 8 P.M.**  
**All activities are free of charge.**



## Memorial Illumination 2009

# Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park



## Events Calendar

Saturday, September 5, 2009 10 a.m.-2 pm

### Living History Program

Come see our monthly demonstration of weapons, tactics, and soldiers from the U.S.-Mexican War era. Includes demonstrations of musket and artillery firing.



Saturday, October 10, 2009 10 am-4 pm

### Archeology Fair



Hands-on learning about the archeology and history of the Rio Grande delta

Saturday, November 14, 2009 4:30-8:30 pm

### Memorial Illumination Resaca de la Palma Battlefield

Experience and participate in the lighting of 8,000 candles to honor U.S. and Mexican veterans of 1846 battles near the Rio Grande. Candle lighting begins at sunset.



Saturday, December 5 2009 10am-1pm

### Living History Program

Saturday, January 9, 2010 10 am-1 pm

### Living History Program

Saturday, February 6, 2010 10 am-1 pm

### Living History Program

Saturday, March 6, 2010 10 am-1 pm

### Living History Program



Saturday, April 3, 2010 10 am-1 pm

### Living History Program

Saturday, April 24, 2010 9 am-4 pm

### Junior Ranger Day (in celebration of National Park Week)



Kids can earn badges and patches as they learn about some of the 300 National Parks around the nation.

Saturday, May 8, 2010, 10 am-4 pm

### Anniversary of the Battle of Palo Alto

Experience living history and ranger programs on the 164th anniversary of the battle.



## Seasonal Programs

December 1-April 1

During the winter tourist season, Palo Alto offers a variety of weekly programs for visitors. These include:

### Battlefield Tours

Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
departing at 10 am.

Saturdays at 10 am.

(when there are no  
scheduled living history  
events)



Walk the battlefield with a park ranger and learn extra details about the causes of war, why a battle occurred at Palo Alto, and how the clash developed.

Average tour length 1 1/2 hours.

### Ranger Talks



Wednesday 10 am and  
Sundays at 2 pm.

Park rangers provide interpretive programs on topics ranging from shoes to 19th century politics. Topics change on a monthly basis. Programs last 30 minutes to 1 hour.

### Birding Walks

Thursdays, departing at 9 a.m.



Join a park volunteer to learn about some of the avian inhabitants of the battlefield. Tours last about 1 1/2 hours.

Palo Alto Battlefield National Historical Park is open daily 8 am-5 pm.

Admission to the park and all activities is free.

For more information:

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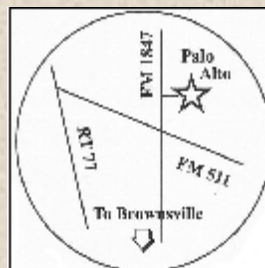
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Palo Alto Battlefield is located on FM 1847 (Paredes Line Road) in Brownsville, just north of FM 511.